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Bere begynneth a treatise of husbandry whiche mayster Greshede sotyrne bysshop of Lyncoln made. & translated it out of frenche in to Englyshe / whiche techeth all maner of men to gouerne theyr londes tenementes / and demenes ordynatly as the chapytres evidently is shewed.

The .i. chapytre telleth how ye shall spende your good and extende your londes.

The .ii. chapytre telleth how your londe shall be measured / and how many perches maketh an acre / & how many acres maketh a yerde of londe / and how many yerdes maketh an hyde of londe / and how many hydres maketh a knyghtes fee.

The .iii. chapytre telleth how many acres of londe þa plough may tele in a yere.

The .iiii. chapytre telleth whether a plough of oxen or a plough of hors many tele more londe in a yere and whiche is more costly.

The .v. chapytre telleth in what season ye shall begynne to salowe all maner of londes.

The .vi. chapytre telleth how ye shall lay your londe at sede tyme.

The .vii. chapytre telleth how your londe shall be sowen in all seasons.

The .viii. chapytre telleth how ye shall chaunge your sede and nouryshe your stubble.

The .ix. chapytre telleth how ye shall nouryshe your dounge and wede your corne and how it shall be measured out of the barne / and how moche an acre shall yelde agayn more than your sede yf ye sholde haue wyynyng therby.

The .x. chapytre tell eth how ye shall chaunge all maner of catell in season.

The .xi. chapytre telleth how ye shall chaunge your werke bestes and wene your calues / and what prouffte ye shall haue of your kyne / and bayll to butter and chese.

The .xii. chapytre telleth howe ye sholde nouryshe your swyne and your pygges.

The .xiii. chapytre telleth how ye shal nouryshe your shepe and dyuers medycynes for theym.

The .xiiii. chapytre telleth what profytes ye shal haue of your ghees and hennes.

The .xv. chapytre icelleth how ye shall bye and selle & proue your weyghtes.

The .xvi. chapytre telleth how ye shall take a compte of your balys ones a yere.

The .i. chapytre.

He fader in his olde age sayth to his sone / so nelyue wysely and dyscretly attter god and the worlde / and thynke on the harde chaunge of fortune how by lytell and lytell it attteyneth to ryches / and by lytell & lytell descendeth to pouerte and wretchydnes.

And therfore I counseyll you to ordeyne your lyuynge after the extent of your lyuelode / and not more then ye may dyspende in a yere by your lyuelode.

And yf ye may profyte & make your londe better by wyynyng or by stoz of catell or any other profytinge more than the extent of your lyuelode amounteth / as moche it is in value the extent keppe it and dyspende it not.

For yf your catell deye or your corne fayle it maye stande you in good stede.

For and yf

ye despende the value of youre lyuelode in one yere and
mylaventure fall vpon you ye haue no recouer by youre
profytes. ¶ For the wyse man sayth. He that profyted
to other men oftymes/he wasteth his owne. For it is of-
ten seen that many men haue both londes and tenemen-
tes & can not lyue thereon/by cause that they lyue with-
oute ordynance and purueaunce made in due sealon.
¶ And for they haue spende moze than theyr lyuelode
may susteyn / and than can none other shyfte but fro þ
honde to the mouthe / and so they fall in to pouerte and
wretchydnes. And therfore be wyse in youre demenyns
ge/desyre none of your neyghbours goodes wrongfully
and kepe youre owne wysely / so that by reson no man
may reprene you ne youre werkes And þ good that god
hath lente you dyspose it well in gyftes and despenles.
¶ And ye shal knowe foure profytable thynges for you.
The fyrst is whan ye gyue and to whome. The seconde
is yf ye gyue or make any dyspenles/loke that it be done
with good wyll and than it shal be profytable. For yf ye
gyue it agaynst youre wyll ye lese as moche as ye gyue
or dyspende. The thyrde is loke that ye gyue to hy that
may bothe further you & hynder you. The fourth is loke
ye gyue neyther to moche ne to lytell but after that the
persone be that ye gyue it to / and after youre mater be
moche or lytell / and after that ye haue to do with þ per-
sone. ¶ Also lete youre londes be extendyd by wyse men
sworn and se what euery percell there of is worth by the
yere moze than thextente as well in maners as gardyns
and closse / and afterwarde loke how many acres be in
your closse / & se what an acre therof is worth by yere.
¶ And se how many acres of erable londe ye haue / and
what an acre is worth by yere / & of all other londes mes-

dures and pascure in lyke wyse / and thus may ye kno-
we what ye may dyspende in a yere wout waste or dys-
truccyon & of free tenementes accorдынge how moche
euery man holdeth of you & by what seruyce. Also what
mylles & fylshynges be worth & ye haue any within your
lordshyp yerely ouer thextent / & of all maner of cctages
rentes seruyce & customes in lyke wyse. ¶ Or any other
thyng wherby any profyte to you yerely may aryse / &
loke how moche shal competently sowe an acre of lon-
de of eche maner of granes / & loke how moche stoz ye
may kepe vpon euerych of youre maners / this knowen
than se thextent of youre lyuelode. And ye shal knowe
how moche youre balyf shal answere you yerely by the
approuemētes ouer extent / & thus ye shal knowe what
the value yerely is of youre lyuelode / and there vpon to
rule expēles wysely / & loke ye take þ rckenynge of youre
balyf yerely in þ moneth of Juny how many quarters
of corne is sown vpon youre demene londes / & than lo-
ke youre extent & go in to þ felde therwith & take a few
of euery pyce of londe that is sown / and peraventure
ye shal fynde moze sown than he gyueth a compte of
whiche he holdeth to his owne behoue. Or ellys perauen-
ture ye shal fynde moze corne sown than nedeth. And
thus ye shal knowe whether youre balyf be profytable
for you or not. ¶ And yf ye wyll ye may departe youre
londes in thre partes The fyrste to be sown with wynter
corne. The seconde parte to be sown with lenten se-
de / as wotes pesyn & other suche granes. And þ thyrde
to be fallowed & somer layde. Also ye may departe youre
londe in two partes. The fyrste parte to be sown with
wynter corne and lenten se. The seconde parte be fa-
lowed and somer layde. ¶ Also a plough shal tell. viii.

score or ix. score acres of londe a yere than lay youre extent and see how many acres of londe ye haue/ and commaunde youre balyf to kepe this maner gydynge of tyme the.

The.ii.chapitre.

It is to wete that thre barly cornes take oute of þe myddes of the eere maketh an ynche and. xii. ynches maketh a fote. And. xvi. fote and an halfe maketh a perche/ and. xl. perches in length/ and. iiii. in brede maketh an acre of londe/ and. iiii. maketh a yerde of londe/ and. v. yerdes maketh an hyde of londe/ and. vii. hydes maketh a knyghtes fee.


The.iii.chapitre.

Some men say þe a plough may not tele. viii. score or ix. score acres of londe a yere. But I shall proue it by good reason þe a plough may do it. For ye shall vnderstonde that an acre of londe is in mesure. xl. perches in lengthe/ and. iiii. in brede/ and the mesure of a perche is. xvi. fote & an halfe. And so þe brede of an acre of londe is. lxvi. fote and so ye go with youre plough. xxxiii. tymes vp and doune the londe/ & se the fyrst fozowe be a fote/ & eche of the other be in lyke quantyte/ & than is an acre cred. And whan the fozowe is as strayte as it may be/ than is it. xxxvi. tymes vp & doune the londe though it be a large acre. And the plough be neuer so feble atte moste ye haue gone but. lxxii. tymes vp & doune þe londe which is but. v. myle way. Now truly the hors or oxe is feble that frome the moxowe maye not go softly. iiii. myle frome home and come agayn by none. And by this other reason ye vnderstonde that there be. lii. wekes in in the yere/ take. viii. wekes for holy days & other lettynges/ & there remaneth behynde. xliii. to werke in the


se. xliii. wekes ben. CC. lx. dayes besyde sondayes. Also a plough shall ere thryes in the yere/ þe is to say in the wynter/ in lenten/ and in leke seide tyme. In wynter a plough shall ere. iiii. codes and an halfe a daye And on eche other seasons an acre on the day at the lest. Now knowe ye whether it maye be done or not/ but by cause plough men carters & other fayne and werke not truly It is behouefull þe men fynde a remedy agaynst theyr seruautes. And therfore it is necessary that the balyf or some of the lordes offycers be with them the fyrste daye of doynge folowynge and sowynge to se yf they do theyr werkes truly/ & let theym answer you as moche werke as they dyde the fyrste daye. Also it is necessarye that youre balyf ouer se youre werke men ones in a daye to wete yf they do theyr werke truly as they ought to do/ and yf ye fynde theym contrary he shall chastyse theym resonable therfore/ and by dyscrecyon.


The.iiii.chapitre.

The plough of oxen is better than the plough of hors/ but/ yf it be vpon stony grounde þe which greueth sore the oxen in theyr fete. And þe plough of hors is more costly than þe plough of oxen & yet shal your plough of oxen doo as moche werke in a yere as your plough of hors/ though ye dyspue your hors faster than ye do your oxen/ yet in what groude so euer it be your plough of oxen/ yf ye tele your londe wel & evenly/ they shal do as moche werke one daye with a nother as your plough of hors/ & the groude be tough/ your oxen shall werke where your hors shall stande styll. And yf ye wyl knowe how moche the one is costlier than þe other I shal teche you. It is a custome þe bestes þe go to the plough shall werke from þe feste of saynt Luke vnto


the fest of saynt Elene in Maye / that is to saye. xxv. we-
kes / and yf youre hors sholde be kepte in a good plyght
to werke / he muste haue dayly the syxt parte of a busschel
of otes pryce. ob. / & in gresse in somer season. xii. d. And
euery weke that he standeth at dyne mete one with an
other. ob. in strawe for lytter. ¶ And in choyse as often
as he is shodde on all foure fete. iiii. d. at the leste. ¶ The
somme of his expenses in the yere is ix. s. vi. d. ob. besyde
de hay and chafe and other thynges. ¶ And as for the
ore ye maye kepe hym in good plyght dayly to doo his
Journey gpyngge hym euery weke thre oten sheues pry-
ce. i. d. by cause. x. oten sheues yelde a busschel of otes yf
they be made by the extent and in somer season xii. d. in
gress. ¶ The somme of his expenses by the yere is. iiii. s.
i. d. besyde strawe and chafe. ¶ And yf a hors be ouerset
and brought doune with labour it is aduenture & euer
he recouer it. And yf your ore be ouersette and brought
doune with labour / ye shall for. xii. d. in somer season haue
hym so pastured that he shal be stronge ynough to do
your werke / or elles he shall be so fatte that ye may selle
hym for as moche moneye as he coste you. 

¶ The. v. chapytre.


 Apryll is good season to fallowe londe yf it
be well broken befoze the plough. For in that
season is neyther to wete ne to dry / but he that
hath moche to doo may not abyde all the good
seasons of the yere. Neuertheles / whan so euer
ye ere yf it be in good soyle ere depe with a square forow
we so that some of y good londe may reste. And yf your
londe lye in feble soyle yere not depe but fallowe it clens-
ly so y y londe be neyther couered ne vncouered. ¶ And
at the seconde fallowe ere not to depe but so as ye maye

dystryoy thystelles and other wedes. ¶ For yf youre lon-
de lye marras or watry grounde / and it be to depe at y
seconde fallowe whiche is to saye youre plough shall not
come to no harde grounde but go shotynge all in myre.
¶ And yf youre plough go an ynche deper in sede tyme
thenne it dyde all the seconde fallowe it shall fynde good
grounde / and elles the tylthe of y myre and make good
erynge. 

¶ The. vi. chapytre.

 y sowynge of your sede lay your lode narow
we togyder so y your sede may falle euen vpon
y londe. For yf youre londe be wyde a sonder
it shall cause grete hurte. For the londe sowen
the harowe shall caste the corne in holles and
hayles that ben betwene the gates of the plough so that
the corne that is one the rydge shall be vncouered & cau-
se lytell or noughte to growe vpon the londe. ¶ And yf
ye wyll preue it / whā your corne is growe out of the er-
the / go to the hede of your londe & loke towarde y other
ende & ye shal se whether that I say soth or nay. ¶ And
yf ye sowe your londe vnder the forowe / let it be ered &
leyde small & nere to gyder / so y y rydge of londe bytwes-
ne the forowes be narowe ynough togyder lyke a cresse
in the myddes of the londe the rydge vnder the leste sy-
de fote / & whā they drye the londe agayne kerue it wyth
your plough so that the fyrste erynge may be ouer turs-
ned / & thā shall your londe be narowe ynough to gyder.

¶ The. vii. chapytre.

 ke that ye sowe youre wynter corne tymely
so that youre londe sadde and youre corne rote /
or that grete wynter come / for yf a grete rayne falle w-
in. xx. dayes after the sowynge of your corne & there bp-

on enduryng. ii. or. iii. dayes. The froste shall make the
corne to peryshe that is newe sown by cause it is but
tender and þ rote therof but newely budded or put out.
¶ All suche clay londes and stony londes as ye purpose
to sowe w̄ lenten sede / sowe them or Maye comie for it
causeth clay londes to were harde / and stony londes dryp
and comynly the londe openeth for drynesse / & therfore
it is nedefull to sowe suche maner of landes tymely so þ
the sede that is sown theron may haue his nourysshyn
ge. ¶ As for sondy londes it nedeth not to sowe them so
tymely / for it is not good to plough suche maner of lon
des in grete moysture / & yf they be a lytell wete with a
dewe at the sowynge it shall not noye it but do it moche
good. And yf your londe lye in marras or in watry grou
de / make good depe furrowes there so that þ ridges may
be delyuerde of the water.

¶ The. ix. chapytte.

Take ye chaunge your sede euer yere at Myghel
mas for it shall be moze auayle to sede your lon
des with sede þ groweth vpon other mennes londes thā
with sede þ grewe vpon youre owne londes. And yf ye
wyl make a p̄ue therof / ere two peces of londe in luf
te & lyke in soyle / and sowe them at ones / that one with
that sede þ grewe vpon your owne londe / & that other
with sede grewe vpon other mennes londes / & ye shall
fynde yf I saye sothe or nay. Also take not the stubble of
your lode lest ye haue nede therof for couerynge of youre
houses.

¶ The. ix. chapytte.

Make youre donge and medle it with erth that is
freshe / & make clene your shepecote euery. xiiij.
wyght / and medle þ donge that cometh therof with fres

he erth or claye or suche mater as men caste out of dy
kes / & strewe it well with strawe & chaf. And yf ye haue
moze strawe than youre store wyl spende / strewe it in
your folde or shepecote / & lete that donge as well with /
in as without be gadzed to gyder & layde vpon an hepe
And whan ye shall cary it to your londe take hede þ your
carters do truly theyr werke / & lete theym answer you
duly as moche werke as they dyde you the fyrste daye
whan they were ouersene lest they fynde a resonable ex
cuse of theyr lettynge. ¶ And whan ye delyuer your car
te horse shone sadelles or any other stuffe / here a rekenyn
ge of the olde / or els lete it be acompted on þ carters was
ges yf it be losse thurgh the theyr neglygence. And þ gres
þ ye delyuer to your carters / lete it be medled with ter
re or harde sope / and it shall be the better for your carte /
& yf þ carter gres theyr shone theyrwith it shall brenne
them & rote them to donge. Also the donge that is med
led with erth put it vpon sondy groude yf ye haue ony /
for in somer the weder is hote & the sonde is hote by kyn
de the whiche two hetes whan they mete to gyder after
mydsomer it causeth the corne to were passynge shorte
that groweth on suche sondy londes but it be remedied
by this maner of donge as is before sayd. ¶ Whan ye
drye donge in þ groude to sowe corne dryp it not to depe /
for þ wasteth your dōge. ¶ Now shall I tell you what
wynnynges ye shall haue by your donge that is medled
with erth. Donge þ is rotten by it selfe with without ers
the shall laste two or thre yere / and after the londe be ho
te or colde. And donge that is medled with erthe shall
laste double as longe / but it shall not be so sharpe ne so
ranke berynge / also medled erth lasteth lenger than don
ge not medled / by cause whan the donge and the erthe

is medled togyder and spred vpon the londe / and þ lon-
de harowed the erthe kepythe the donge that it may not
wast in dyscendynge as it wolde do. And yf it rayne a ly
tell whan ye lay your donge on your londe it shall do it
moche good / for it causeth the donge and the londe Joy-
ne togyder / and ye put your donge vpon your londe at
fallowynge tyme at the seconde fallowe it shall be tozned
vnder the erthe so that it be hydde with erthe at sowyns
ge tyme. ¶ Also lete your shepe dōge be put nexte your
sede / for that is moost worthy / and at þ fyrst feest of our
lady ordeyne youre hyrdylles after that ye haue shepe &
kepe youre folde / for in þ season they haue mooste donge
And after mydsomer lete your corne be weded and not
byfoze. For yf ye cutte thystelles. xx. or. xv. or. viii. dayes
befoze that tyme for euery thystell shall growe foure a
gayne. And lette your medowes be well & clene mowen
by þ aduise of your balyf. And se that your mower hol-
de not his ryght honde a foze to hygh behynde / hym soo
that the grasse benot cutte in the myddes. And this des-
fante is called foxynge / and it is a grete defaute and a
grete losse of haye. And lette your corne be wysely choz-
ne and gadred to gyder and layde in your barne. And le-
te your threschers be sowne to thresshe it clene / neuer
thelcs take hede of them that they haue no pokettes nor
no grete purses to stele your corne in / and se that youre
wyndowers haue no pokettes bytwene theyr legges to
stele your corne. And whan your corne shall be mesured
out of your berne purueye you a trewe man to ouersee
your balyf / for it is ofte seen that offecers ben of one as-
sent to auayle theym selfe and hurte theyr lord. And
se that youre corne be mesured with a trewe mesure / þ
is to saye with a trewe bussell / and that euery bussell

euery bussell be streken. And se that they haue a clothe
vnder theyr fete to kepe þ corne that fallyth whan it is
put in þ sakes. And beware of mesurynge of your bus-
shell that is heped for therein is grete dysceit and I shall
tell you how. Whan the balyf hath made his acompte of
the corne lette þ bussell that he resceyued the corne with
be preued with his acompte. For yf it be a large bussell
foure bussells bp heped maketh. v. bussells streken / &
but lytel more or lytel lasse. Or. v. bussells bp heped ma-
keth. vi. bussells streken of / and yf the bussell be not so
large or some what more / but & yf the bussell be neuer
so small yet. vi. bussells bp heped maketh. vii. stryken /
and so of euery bussell somtyme more & somtyme lesse
And therby some balyfs that gyue at theyr acompte for
viii. bussells bp heped but. ix. bussells streken. And whe-
ther þ bussell be grete or lytell therein is grete dysceyte.
For at the large bussell he stelyth. ii. bussells / and yf þ
corne be grete & large / than bothe the grete bussell and
the small bussell is grete dysceyte and falsnes. ¶ And
yf youre londe yelde agayn but thre tymes asmoche as
ye sowe thereon ye shall wyne nothyng therby but yf
corne happen to be of greter pryce than it was whan it
was sown. ¶ Also ye shal vnderstonde that an acre of
londe shall haue thre erthers or men sowe it & some mor-
e. And eche of these erthers be worth. vi. d. þ harowyn-
ge. i. d. and on the sayd acre shall be sown. ii. bussells of
whete the pryce. xii. d. the wedynge therof. ob. the chetyn-
ge. v. d. the ledynge in to the berne. i. d. the strawe & the
chafe shall aquyte the thresshynge. And so thre tymes
the sede. vi. bussells / and yf a quarter of whete be solde
but for. iii. s. after Wyghelmasse than youre. vi. bussells
be worthe. iii. s. And youre coste done vpon the sayd acre

Draueh vnto .vii. l. i. d. ob. besyde the rente of þ lozde.

¶ The. x. chapytre.

If ye haue ony londe wherupon stoz of catell may be nourysched and kepte / lete it be stozed after that it may bere. For & yf it be well stozed and the stoz well kepte shall answere you as moche as the xtent of youre londe amounteth.

¶ And loke ye draue and serche youre catell ones in þ yere bytwyne Ester and Wytsonyde / and chaunge those that be not good. ¶ Kepe as well your carte hors and oxen as ony other catell & those þ be not good to kepe put them to gras for yf ye make them fat w graspe shall haue wyynyng therby. ¶ Also ye shall wete that the feble ore coste as moche or moze as the beest ore. For yf he be a waster ore he muste be the moze spared / & by that sparyng the best ore is the moze greued. ¶ And yf ye bye you stoz of catell / loke ye by them bytwene Ester & Wytsonyde / for than bestes be lene & good chepe / and chaunge your carte hors or oxen or they be soze worne / for with a lytell coste ye shall haue yonge hors as to kepe styll the olde. ¶ And yf ye bye & sell in season / it shall auayle you moze then kepe youre olde tyll they be worne.

¶ The. xi. chapytre.

Doke that ye gyue your plough bestes suffycient mete to susteyne theyr labour w not ouercharged ne brought doune with labour / for it wyll coste you moche or they be recouered and releued agayn and youre werke shall be greatly lette therby. ¶ Also put not youre bestes in houses in rayn weder nor in grete hete for þ engendryth a hete bytwene þ skyn & þ flesshe & bytwene the liske and the thrygh whiche turneth your catell to grete hurte / and yf

your catell haue euery day prouender let it be hygh day or they haue it / and lete it be deliuered by your balyf / & lete theyr prouender be medled w w heten chafe or oten / but not with barly chaf / for þ hurteth them in þ mouth and specyally hors. ¶ And I wyll tell you why your prouender is medled with chaf / by cause theyr keepers shall not stele it a way / & chaf causeth them to ete & to drynke better than they sholde do. And loke theyr stable be made clene euery day ones for þ doth them moche good / & loke ye gyue your oxen no grete quantyte of strawe at ones but lytell & lytell & ofte / & they shall ete well & wast lytell. For whā they haue a grete quantyte befoze them at ones they ete theyr fyll / & than they ly doune & chewe cudde & blow on the mete þ is leste & causeth it to wexe drye / & than they wyll ete nomoze therof. ¶ And loke youre oxen be duly made clene & rubbed with a wyspe of strawe and that shall cause them to lyke them selfe þ better. And lete your kyne haue suffycient mete and lete them haue the prouender þ your hors and oxen leue ouer nyght. And yf your male calf be seke whan it is calued / lete it haue the moders mylke a moneth and at the monethes ende take frome it a pape and so at euery wekes ende folowynge take a pape tyll he haue souked / fyrste and laste seuen wekes and lerne hym to ete. And lete a female calfe haue the moders mylke thre wekes / and atte the thyrde wekes ende take frome it a pape / and soo forthe wekely as ye dyde the male chafe and lete youre calues haue water ynough / and lete theym not out of the house tyll they be waned and some what styfe of age / for many calues dye for defaute of houses of an euill that is called la pomelyer. ¶ And yf ony of youre calues fall in syknes / spende .i. d. by tyme to helpe it For the wyse man sayth / blessed be the peny that saued

the pounde. ¶ If any of your bestes deye in mozeyne le-
te theym be fleynd and put the skynnes in water. but .o.
ix. dayes / than take it out and lete the water reme out
and that shall make it thicke & better to the sale and ye
selle it let it not be dize / but some what moyste. ¶ Now
ye shall knowe the yllue of your kyne and wyynyng in
butter and chese / & how moche a cowe shall gyue weke-
ly. ¶ Ye muste put youre feble kyne from your good ky-
ne in a good pastour of salte marras than .ii. kyne shall
answere you of these betwene Ester & Myghelmas besy-
de every weke halfe a gallon of butter and yf it be in fres-
he pasture / is to saye wode felde or stubble after mo-
wyng / than thre kyne shall answer you as moche as
the two that goth in marras and but lytel more. ¶ And
shepe yf they be pastured in salte marras / than .xx. mo-
der shepe shall answer as moche as the two kyne that
be pastured in salte marras. And yf they go in freshe
pasture / than .xxx. moder shepe shall answer as moche
as the thre kyne that gone in the freshe pasture. There
be some balyfs and deys that wyll say nay to this / but
yf the mylke be spylte or spende other wyse. And I shall
tell you of this thre kyne & gyue a pcece of chese betwen.
Ester and Myghelmasse and every weke halfe a gallon
of butter. ¶ It is a feble cowe & gyueth not in .ii. dayes
as moche mylke as wyll make a chese of an .ob. & that
is in .ix. dayes .i. ob. for the sondaye is not rekened. for
it is for tythe and other necessaryes. ¶ Ye knowe that
bytweene Ester and Myghelmasse ben .xiii. wekes / &
for eche of these wekes rekenes a .ob. the somme thre .s.
But as moche for the seconde cowe / and for the thyrde
cowe the somme of all .ix. s. and so ye shall haue a pcece
of chese for that is the comen pryce. ¶ Also that cowe is

right feble that may not gyue with that the thyrde par-
te of a pottell of butter / and yf a gallon of butter be sol-
de for .vi. d. then & thyrde parte of a potell is solde for .i. d.



The .xii. chapytre.



¶ Lete your swyne be loked & drawe ones in y^r yere
at after Ester and lete them be chadged that be
not hole. And loke that ye kepe no bozes but yf they be
of good kynde / & loke that ye kepe youre female swyne
wel at forowyng tyme so they be not hurte ne appared
through euill keepyng & after warde wth good mastyn-
ge they wyll be as good for youre larder as youre male
swyne. In wynter gyue youre swyne mete ynough so
they may be stronge of theyr selfe / specially in februarie
Marche & Apryl for than they haue moost nede / for thā
youre sowes shall haue pygges but yf it be through euill
keepyng. And yf ye wyll kepe them well / kepe theym in
longe at moztowe / & lete them lye dry whyles & pygges
souke and they shall growe the better.



The .xiii. chapytre.



¶ Oke that the shepeherde be not prous wth youre
shepe / for that is an euill byce / & ye shall preue
it where youre shepe pasture as your shepeherde goth as
monge them. for yf they fle from hym / it is a sygne that
he is not peasyble with them / & loke every yere bytwene
Ester & Whytson tyde & ye drawe your shepe / & loke yf
they be cleue / & yf they be faulty let them be cleped & mar-
ked and put fro the hole shepe in to good pasture to be
made fatte. And at mydsomer whan they be fatte / selle
them for than moton is in scason / & lete the wull of thos
le shepe be tolde with the skynnes of them that dyed in
the mozeyne. And with that wulle and skynnes ye may
bye as many yonge shepe and put theym in houses by-

twene saynt Martyns day and holy Rode daye in may.
¶ Neuerthelesse yf the weder be drye and the folde well
strawed with strawe. I say not nay but they may lye in
the folde / & the shepe & lye in houses muste haue mete af
ter the weder / somtyme moze & somtyme lesse. And loke
that their house be close & none eyre come to theyr creche
and euery nyght put newe strawe vnder theym / and le
theyr house be made clene euery .xiii. nyght ones and ye
haue moche donge and moost profyte of theym as they
lye in your folde. And yf youre motons lye in houses for
tempest lete theym lye by them selfe / and not with other
shepe / & lete theyr haye be medled with whete strawe oz
w oten strawe / by cause of the tempest and euill weder
that they myght not fede whan they were vpon theyr
pasture so that whan they come in to y house / they be so
hungry that y stronge shepe put y feble shepe fro theyr
mete. And for this cause they swalowe theyr mete hole
withoute chewynge / and specially the small haye. And
whan the shepe haue eten theyr fyll they wyl lye doune
and chew cudde / and the mete & is not chewed cometh
not vp with the mete that is chewed / but lyeth in theyr
body tyll y it be rotten by his owne kynde and therof mas
ny shepe peryshe. And yf your haye be medled with stra
we / they shal chewe it the better by cause of the gretenes
of the strawe. And yf ye haue defaute of strawe oz grete
haye / take lynge and haye medled togyder for y is good
mete for shepe. And yf an euill fall amonge theym / y is
called the weruis sodaynly lete theym be sprenclled with
water / & put them in house as longe as frome y mozne
vnto the none / & lete one shepe chaufe well another for y
is a good medesyne for that syknes. ¶ And so it is for an
euill that is called the pockes / & ye se at mozowe a dewe

vpon the grounde that is called y webbe of rayne chauf
gyngge vpon the grasse bytwene the fyrste feest of oure
Lady and the feest of saynt Martyn. Lete not your she
pe oute of the folde tyll that vnholosome dewe be of the
grounde. And lete youre shepeharde reyle youre shepe
vpon theyr fete a good whyle oz they go out of the folde /
than dryue them to theyr pasture And for as moche as
they were kepte in at mozne by cause of the vnholosome
dewe lete them pasture so moche lenger at euen whan y
sterres be on the sky for the euen dewe is holson for she
pe. ¶ And yf ye haue pasture of moit of heth / yf it be dry
in somer take them fro y pasture / for in drye weder that
standynge water & stondeth in suche maner of pasture
wereth blacke yelowre oz grene / and these waters be not
holson for shepe ne for none other bestes. ¶ For yf your
hors drynke therof he shall haue the chaudys / & yf your
shepe drynke therof it abydeeth soo longe in them that it
maketh the flesshe to be corrupte. Fyrste it wereth whyte
and after yelowre and than it roteth without remedye /
and for a pzeef herof slee sonne of the shepe that goo in
suche pasture aboute Wyghelmasse and fley theym and
ye shall fynde that that I saie sothe. ¶ And yf ye wyl
saue youre shepe in a wete somer / take theym oute of a
wete pasture and put theym in a drye pasture. ¶ And
atte the feste of Symon and Jude slee thre of your best
wedders and two of youre best ewen / and yf they be fau
te lete theym be solde / & oz ye sayle of chapmen sell them
to festes / soo that ye maye be sure of youre money / and
gader this herbes vnder wreten in herueste / y is to saie
amyroke other wyse called mayden wede and drye it / &
at fyrst comynge in to the house of your shepe / that is at
Martynas let medle this herbe with theyr hey and put

come in to the walles of þ house / for it wyll dye the euyl
humours with in theyr bodyes / & it is good for the leuer
And whan theyr lambes be ewed lete your shepetherde
take awaye the wull aboute theyr moders papes for it
fastneth about the lambes tethe & some goth in theyr bo-
dy & causeth theym to peryshe. And lete your shepether-
de answere you of þ wolle þ he gadreth so & put to youre
fleeces whan your shepe are shorne. And loke þ ye make
tayles byt wene your shepetherde & you / & tayle the wes-
ders by them selfe / & the ewen by them selfe / & the male
hogges by theym selfe two tymes in the yere that is to
saye at the feste of saynt Martyn whan they come in þ
house / and at the feste of the holy Rode or at clyppynge
tyme whan so euer it be. And whan ye put them in þ hou-
se lete them be marked on þ ere / and ordeyn you a stron-
ge yron to marke them in þ forhede / and yf ony of them
dye in mozeyne / resceyue not theyr skynnes but they be
marked with your marke.

The. xiiii. chapytre.

Of Hens and hennes shall be at the deliuerance of
your baylyf or lete so ferme a goos for. xii. d. in a
yere. If yue hennes and a cocke for. iiii. l. in a yere & there
be some baylyfs and deyes that say nay to this prouffy-
tes. But I shall proue it by reason / for in halfe a yere be-
xxvi. wekes / and in these. xxvi. wekes be. ix. scoze dayes /
and in eche of these dayes ye shall haue an egge of eche
henne / & þ is. ix. scoze eggges of eche henne in that halfe
yere / it is a feble sale of eggges & xxx. eggges be not worth
a peny & yf ony of theym lyf in that halfe a yere or some
daye in defaute of lyenge / ye shall be recompenced ther-
fore / & of. vi. moze to here out the ferme þ cocke / and of
the sale of the chekens þ youre lyttinge hennes bynge

forthe in that other halfe yere. ¶ Nowe shall ye se whe-
ther I say sothe or nay the pecoche shall answere as mo-
che the for feders as the shepe for his wolle Every cowe
shall answere you a calfe. And every moder shepe shall
answere you a lambe. ¶ Every female swyne shall an-
were you. xii. pygges at thye farowiges at two tymes
at eche tyme. iiii. & the thyrde tyme fyue / the. x. for tythe
¶ Every henne shall answere you of. ix. scoze eggges or
of chekens to þ value. ¶ Every goos shall answere you
of. vi. ghoslyniges. And yf ony of this catell be bareyne þ
baylyf shall answere you of the yssue that is losse thurgh
his euyl kepynge / by cause that he dyde not selle them
and put the lyuer to other prouffytes to the value.

The. xv. chapytre.

Loke ye bye and sell in season / and loke ye haue
a true man to here your bargayn / so þ ye haue re-
corde yf nede be & take hede of your baylyf. for it is often
seen þ he encreseth suche thynges as he byeth & selleth for
his lord or mayster / and therfore yf þ bargayn be not
good lete hþ kepe it to hym selfe & answere you þ value
therof both in pryce & in prouffytes. And yf ye bye & sell
by weyght / beware of hym þ holde þ belauce for he may
do you grete dysseyte. ¶ Also ye shall wete þ a peny eng-
lyshe withoute tonsure ought too wey. xxx. graynes of
whete taken out of the myddes of þ ere / and. xx. englyf
she pens ought to wey an vnce / &. xii. vnces make a. li. &
viii. li. make a gallon / and. viii. gallons make a busshell /
and. viii. busshels make a quarter. **The. xvi. chapytre.**

Loke a compte be made ones in the yere / for it
was fyrste ordeyned to wete and to knowe the
state and the value of your maners / & to haue knowles-
ge of all maner yssues in byenge & sellynge & dyspenses

as wel in houtholde as other thynges. ¶ And yf ye haue
ony rente or money loke ye haue it out of your offycers
handes ones in a yere. for it is ofte seen y the balys or
ther of the lordes offycers make theyr marchaūdyse w
theyr lordes money to theyr owne auayle & hurte theyr
lorde. ¶ And yf there be ony arerages loke y ye gader
them without delaye. Loke ye take the names of theym
that owe the arerages/for it is often seer that the balys
is receyuer hym selfe / and so he maketh other receyuers
vnder hym / and so one spareth an other / and so that the
arerages ben ofte forgotten And loke ye byspte your thy
ges wysely and often / and ye shall se yf they take harme
and amende it. And loke ye byspte your seruauntes ofte
and that shall cause them to be ware in doynge anysse

¶ Here endeth the boke of husbandrye.

¶ Here begynneth the plantynge of trees and of bynes.

¶ Yf ye wyll graf a tre whose fruyte haue no cores take
and bove in bothe endes courbynge / and cutte bothe en
des with a knyfe / and fasten bothe endes in a stoke and
whan it groweth so with that tree cut awaye the greter
ende and suffre the smal ende to growe and stande styll.

¶ Yf ye wyll make youre apples rede / take and graue
a grafte of an apple tree vpon a stocke of an elme or an
elder and it shall bere rede apples. ¶

¶ Yf ye wyll that a pere tre bere moche fruyte or elles as
he was wonte to doo / dyskenyze Scamony with well
water / and put it in a hole that is perced vnto the pyth
of the tree / and stoppe the hole agayn with a pynne ma
de of the same tree / and it shall bere moche fruyte. ¶

¶ Yf ye wyll plante an almonde or walnot tree or a cher
ry tree / or a pere tree / put the kernels of y whiche ye wyll
in water thre dayes / and put theym in the erth of gourd

des and cucumbers / and ye may fynde y same in dyuers
le fruytes. Chery trees loueth colde erth and moyst / but
chery trees be wel lykynge in hylly places / y best settynge
of chery trees is in the moneth of January / and yf a che
ry tree rotte / make an hole with a persoure vnder the
place / that the water that causeth the rotyngge may dys
cende out / and ye maye doo the same with all maner of
trees that rotte. ¶

¶ If a peche tree begynne to draukyn / lete hym be well
moysted with donge as Ballady sayth / his best dongyn
ge is with drastes of wyne / and that maye kepe hym /
dyscendynge. ¶


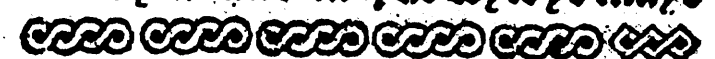

¶ If a peche apple begyn to fall / take and cleue the ro
te therof / and in the clyfte dysue a wedge made of a py
ne tree / or elles make holes with a wyngle / and make
pynnes of a wylow and smyte theym in with a maylet
of tree and the fruyte shall abyde faste ynoughe ¶


¶ If woymes growe vpon a tree / take asshes that is me
dled with oyle olyue or myrre and that shall slee theym.
Or elles take and stryke the tree with mellour made the
two partes with ore pylle / and y thyrde parte of claye.

¶ If thou wyll that a costarde or a quynce wer grete ta
ke a potte and set it in the erth and bow one of the brauns
ches in to the potte / & lete it alone as longe as it wereth
in the potte and it shall be a grete apple. ¶

¶ If ye wyll haue many roses growe in youre gardyne
take harde peppnes of the same roses and solwe theym
in erthe in February or in marche / and whan they spryn
dewe theym well with water / and after a yere ye maye
plante theym and departe theym eche ferre ynoughe fro
other in what ordre ye wyll. ¶

¶ Also Grekes resourme or ioyne a barayne byne cleue
the stocke and putte in the clyfte a stone mete ther

fore and lete it stande tyll it be closed in / and put about
 the rote with erthe that is mydled with lacke. ::
If ye wyl haue a vyne to bere on þone syde whyte
 grapes / & on the other syde rede grapes / puruey you of
 a whyte vyne & of a rede wyne / & sette theym in erth / &
 whan they rote / mesure of eche of bothe a shaftement / &
 of eyther party cut away halfe endlonge vnto þe pyth /
 Joyn them to gyder and bynde them so. that ether party
 be mete with other without dysioynynge / & at the thre
 dayes ende moyst it burgyon and ye may do thus with
 pere trees and apple trees braunches and in processe of
 tyme ye may assaye yf the one vyne rote may be taken as
 way & the other shall bere both whyte grapes and rede
Grekes resourme a vyne & make them bere tuacled
 grapes they cleue the vyne that is able to be set in the sy
 de the space of two fynger brede / and there they put in
 treacle so þe it be nere the rote ende of þe stocke that is clos
 uen / the profyte therof is that the grape or the wyne or
 þe vynagre or elles althes or that stourges brent is good
 agaynst all maner of benym / and in lyke wyse ye maye
 do to other trees. :
If ye wyl kepe apples and peres longe / ye muste ga
 der theym slely withoute brusure and the place where
 they sholde be kepte muste be withoute wynde of tem
 perate colde and put strawe vnder theym & couer them
 with strawe . Also some men put theym in a pottle or a
 susteren / and some wrappe theym in payste of claye or
 of noxtre and in this wyse ye maye kepe all maner of
 grapes and other fruytes. :

Here endeth the booke of husbondry / and of plantyn
 ge and grassynge of trees and vynes. :